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SUBJECT: GRAIN EXPORTERS CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 279906 AND 14544

ROME ALSO FOR FODAG

1. REFTELS SUMMARIZE US PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION OF GRAIN  
RESERVES ARRANGEMENT AND STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR  
FEBRUARY 10-11 MEETING IN LONDON. AT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE,  
SECRETARY ALSO OUTLINED NEED FOR COORDINATION AMONG  
PRINCIPAL GRAIN EXPORTERS TO ENCOURAGE HIGH PRODUCTION AND  
REQUIRED INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE.

2. WE PROPOSE THAT AN INFORMAL CONSULTATION AMONG EXPORTERS  
BE HELD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 IN ADVANCE OF RESERVES MEETING.  
PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION WOULD BE TO REVIEW 1974-75 WORLD  
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DEMAND - SUPPLY SITUATION FOR GRAINS AND TO PREVIEW OUT-

LOOK FOR 1975-76. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON CURRENT PRODUCTION POLICIES AND ROLE OF MAJOR GRAIN EXPORTERS IN MEETING WORLD FOOD NEEDS DURING REST OF THIS DECADE.

3. MEETING WOULD BE HELD AT US EMBASSY LONDON (RATHER THAN AT INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL) TO MAINTAIN AS INFORMAL

ATMOSPHERE AS POSSIBLE AND TO AVOID CONFUSING EXPORTERS CONSULTATIONS WITH RESERVES DISCUSSIONS. NO TRANSLATION FACILITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

4. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS AND EC COMMISSION AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF US INVITATION TO INFORMAL CONSULTATION AS OUTLINED ABOVE -- STRESSING THAT MEETING IS NOT INTENDED TO CONCERT VIEWS OF EXPORTERS PRIOR TO OPENING RESERVES DISCUSSIONS. PLEASE REPORT RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. INFORMATION ADDRESSEES SHOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVE BUT MAY RESPOND TO HOST GOVERNMENT INQUIRIES BY DRAWING ON ABOVE. WE DO NOT ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF EC MEMBER GOVERNMENTS BUT SPACE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR LIMITED NUMBER OF OBSERVERS FROM EC MEMBER COUNTRIES, IF DESIRED.

6. FOR LONDON. THIS CONFIRMS PLACKE-THIGPEN TELECON (1/29) REGARDING NEED FOR SUITABLE MEETING ROOM AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

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